

CLAIMS

- 5 1. Test means for the standardized establishment of
--the load exerted on textile fabric in assemblies
in which washing, cleaning and drying processes
are carried out, **characterized** in that the test
means (1) consists of a two- or three-dimensional
10 article, the latter being formed by individual
elements which are connected to one another and
are at least partially displaced and/or come loose
due to mechanical loads which act on the article
as a result of the washing, cleaning and drying
15 processes in the respective assembly.
2. Test means according to claim 1, **characterized** in
that the test means (1) consists of a fabric with
interlinked threads (2, 3).
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3. Test means according to claim 1 or 2,
characterized in that boundary threads (6) are
inserted, which differ from the remaining threads
(2, 3) in color, in size or in nature.
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4. Test means according to at least one of the
preceding claims, **characterized** in that additional
threads for the visible subdivision of sections
(4, 5) are provided.
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5. Use of a fabric consisting of interlinked threads
as a test means for the standardized testing of
assemblies in which the washing, cleaning and
drying processes are conducted, the degree of
loading exerted by the assembly during processing
35 in the latter being capable of being established
by means of the at least partial displacement
and/or loosening of the threads (2, 3).

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6. Method for the standardized testing of assemblies in which washing, cleaning and drying processes are conducted, by treatment and the effect of the latter on textile fabric, **characterized** by the following method steps:

- a. introduction of a test means (1) according to claim 1 into the assembly,
- b. processing of the test means (1) in the assembly,
- c. counting up of the constituents (threads 2, 3) which have completely and/or partially come loose from the test means (1).